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**28 October 2021**

**\*\*Please distribute to all residents and their family members and representatives, and to all workers, at your facility \*\***

## **INVITATION**

### **National webinar on COVID-19 booster vaccination rollout in residential aged care**

**Wednesday 3 November / 1.30pm – 2.30pm AEDT**

A special live webinar hosted by the Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck will be held on **Wednesday 3 November 2021 from 1.30pm – 2.30pm AEDT.**

The Australian Government 's national in-reach clinic program for booster doses to residential aged care facilities will roll out from Monday 8 November 2021.

Boosters are now available for people who completed their primary course (two doses) of a COVID-19 vaccination more than six months ago, including residents and workers in residential aged care.

People who have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine are fully vaccinated. This means they are very well protected against serious illness, hospitalisation or death from COVID-19.

A booster dose will boost a person's immune response and provide an additional layer of protection to further reduce the risk of breakthrough infection (when a fully vaccinated person gets COVID-19 and is at risk of transmitting the virus to others).

This webinar is for:

- residential aged care providers
- residential aged care facility managers and IPC leads
- residents, their families and representatives
- residential aged care workers.

We encourage you to organise screening of the live webinar in communal areas in your facility for residents and workers.

This webinar will address the national roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine booster program in residential aged care including:

- What you need to know about COVID-19 booster vaccinations
- How the in-reach booster clinics will be delivered
- Roles and responsibilities of vaccine providers and facilities
- How to prepare for your in-reach clinic, including consent
- What to do if it's been less than six months since your second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- How to support and engage with residents and workers.

Minister Colbeck will be joined by the following Commonwealth Department of Health representatives:

- Mr Michael Lye, Deputy Secretary, Ageing and Aged Care Group
- Adj. Professor Alison McMillan, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
- Ms Teena Blewitt, Deputy Coordinator General, National COVID Vaccine Taskforce
- Mr James Hart, First Assistant Secretary, Disability and Aged Care Rollout, National COVID Vaccine Taskforce
- Ms Lisa Peterson, Assistant Secretary, COVID-19 Vaccine Aged Care
- Mr Craig Gear, Chief Executive Officer, Older Persons Advocacy Network.

A Q&A session will be included in the live webinar.

Participants can submit questions to [VacTaskForceAgedCare\\_Comms@Health.gov.au](mailto:VacTaskForceAgedCare_Comms@Health.gov.au) any time before the webinar. Please note **"National Webinar"** in the subject heading of your email.

This webinar is FREE and registration is not required.

The webinar will be recorded and available on the department's website for on demand viewing.

The details to join the webinar are provided below:

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- call the [National Coronavirus Helpline](#) on 1800 020 080, and ask for an interpreter if needed.

Kind regards

**COVID-19 Vaccine Aged Care**  
**Department of Health**

